

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Edith H. Jones**

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**Edith H. Jones**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Cornell 1971 BA; Texas 1974 JD  
Began Service: 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** General Counsel, Republican Party of Texas (1982-1983)

**Legal Practice:** Andrews & Kurth (1974-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; Texas Bar Association

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**Jerry E. Smith**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: January 7, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Halbert O. Woodward, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1972-1973)

**Government:** Chairman, Houston Civil Service Commission (1982-1984); City Attorney, City of Houston, Texas (1984-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Fulbright & Jaworski (1973-1984)

**Nonprofit:** Member, Board of Directors, Harris County Housing Authority (1978-1980)

**Current Memberships:** Evidence Rules Committee; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Jacques L. Wiener, Jr.**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: Tulane 1956 BA, 1961 JD  
Began Service: May 25, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wiener, Weiss & Madison (and predecessor firms) (1961-1990)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1956-1958)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; American Law Institute; Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute; International Academy of Estate and Trust Law; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation; Shreveport Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Rhesa H. Barksdale**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: West Point 1966 BS; Mississippi 1972 JD  
Began Service: April 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Academic:** Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Akron (1969-1970); Instructor, University of Mississippi School of Law (1975-1976); Instructor, Mississippi College School of Law (1976)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Byron R. White, Supreme Court of the United States (1972-1973)

**Legal Practice:** Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (1973-1990)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1966-1970)

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**Emilio M. Garza**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Notre Dame 1969 BA, 1970 MA; Texas 1976 JD  
Began Service: June 7, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 225th Judicial District (1987-1988); Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1988-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Clemens, Spencer, Welmaker & Finck (1976-1987)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1970-1973); United States Marine Corps Reserve (1973-1979)

**Chambers of Circuit Judge Emilio M. Garza** *continued*

**Current Memberships:** San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Rice 1952 BA; Texas 1955 LLB  
Began Service: December 13, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Corporate:** Legal Services Corporation (1982-1983); Director, Panama Canal Company (1976-1977)

**Government:** Member of the Council, Administrative Conference of the United States (1990-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Bracewell, Patterson & Patterson (1957-1961); Partner, Bracewell & Patterson (1961-1991)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1955-1957)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Houston Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Circuit Judge Fortunato P. Benavides**

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**Fortunato P. Benavides**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Houston 1968 BBA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Commissioner, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (1983-1989)

**Judicial:** Judge, Hidalgo County Court at Law No. 2 (1977-1979); Judge, Texas District Court, 92nd Judicial District (1981-1984); Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, 13th District (1984-1991); Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (1991-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Rankin, Kern & Martinez (1972-1974); Partner, Cisneros & Benavides (and predecessor firms) (1974-1980); Sole Practitioner, Law Offices of Fortunato P. Benavides (1980-1981); Associate, Atlas & Hall (1993-1994)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Hidalgo County Bar Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Carl E. Stewart**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Dillard 1971 BA; Loyola (New Orleans) 1974 JD  
Began Service: May 9, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Adjunct Instructor, Louisiana State University (Shreveport) (1982-1985)

**Government:** Staff Attorney, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1978-1979); Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1979-1983); Special Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (1983-1985); Assistant City Prosecutor, City of Shreveport, Louisiana (1983-1985)

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court, First Judicial District (1985-1991); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1991-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Piper & Brown (1977-1978); Partner, Stewart & Dixon (1983-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1974-1977)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Black Lawyers Association of Shreveport-Bossier; Harry Booth Chapter American Inn of Court; Louisiana Bar Association; Louisiana Conference of Court of Appeal Judges; National Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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**James L. Dennis**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Louisiana Tech 1959 BS; LSU 1962 JD; Virginia 1984 LLM  
Began Service: October 2, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Visiting Professor, Louisiana State University; Visiting Professor, Tulane University

**Government:** State Representative James Dennis (R-LA), Louisiana State House of Representatives (1968-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court, Fourth Judicial District (1972-1974); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1974-1975); Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana (1975-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1962-1972)

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